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Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, May 8, 1878.

SAYLE & CO.

HONGKONG, April 20, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

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Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Emeralds*, from Manila, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Undermentioned Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to pay expenses.

Ex Argentine, 30th April, 1877,
10 Cases.

Ex Elgin, 26th May, 1877.

W. S (in diamond), 8 Cases.

D S & Co. (in diamond), 1 Box.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

7, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

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To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS,

The Company's Steamship

"SINDH,"

Commandant Brunet, will be despatched for SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 14th Inst., at Daylight.

H. du POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

"NINGPO,"

R. Cass, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, (Tuesday), the 14th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEGMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUL.

The Steamship

"ALBAY,"

Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship

"ARGYLL,"

Captain Scott, will be despatched as above on SUN-

DAY, the 10th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

TOMORROW, 14th May, 1878, at 2 p.m., at No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, lately occupied by Messrs NURSEY, KESWICK & Co.,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. THOMPSON & HIND'S M HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE will be sold by Public Auction at their Residence above their Store in Queen's Road Central, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 16th day of May, 1878, at Noon.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

ANNOUNCEMENT, May 13, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Stores-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 17th May, at 11 a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,

SUNDAY CONDENSED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, Com-

prising:—

Old Iron, Hoses, Boots, &c., &c.

Blue Cloth, Shoes, &c.

Chocolate, Biscuit Dust, Candles, Soap,

Tobacco, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery

in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors

of description, at purchaser's risk on the

fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned, from and after the 31st Instant, will be carried on under the Style of "LINSTEAD & CO."

G. LINSTEAD.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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NOTICE.

MR. GUSTAV FISCHER has been duly authorized to sign our Firm by pro-curation from this Date.

E. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, May 1, 1878.

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NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr. JOHN G. PURDON and Mr. HENRY W. DAVIS in HONGKONG and CANTON, under the Style of PURDON & CO., is This Day DISSOLVED by mutual consent; either Partner will sign in liquidation, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. H. W. DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & CO.

PURDON & CO.

Chine, April 30, 1878.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from, and his Interest and Responsibility Ceases in our Firm at Foochow from the 30th Ultimo; and Messrs. JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND and EDWARD PYE HAGUE are admitted PARTNERS therein from This Date.

PURDON & CO.

China, May 1, 1878.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is This Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

MAITLAND & CO.

Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to sign our Firm per pro-curation at Foochow.

PURDON & CO.

Foochow, May 1, 1878.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-DAY, the 13th Instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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Agent.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUHEY,
Agent.

Ex "Iraouaddy," 2431/5 Order,

from 5 cases Cottons, 1 case London;

K (in triangle) 515/24 Order,

10 cases Worsts, " "

Ex "Tigre," "

V (in triangle) 2431/8 Order, 2 cases

Merchandise, " "

London, from 5 boxes Tea, 3 cases Treen-

ture (\$20,000), and 252 pieces Sundries.

For Continued, 408 boxes Silk, 25 boxes

Waste Silk, 3 cases Silk, and 483 pieces

Sundries.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

For FOOCHEW.—

For Kullaray, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday,

the 13th Inst.

For CALLAO.—

For barque Marie Charlotte, at 3 p.m.

To-morrow, the 14th Inst., 12 cent.

For SHANGHAI.—

At the Marine Court to-day, Frederick Patterson, cook belonging to the British steamer *Aktron*, was charged with being drunk and assaulting Laurence Siverton, a seaman on board the same vessel. The complainant's head was cut as though by a knife, but the cook swore positively that no knife had been used, and none was found in his berth or on his person. The chief officer (Mr J. Millard) said that the complainant's head was bleeding freely. The trouble arose all about a chest of which the defendant had the key. Dr Ayres certified that the wounds (three in number) were not dangerous, and the Magistrate fined the defendant 30 shillings.

WAI KWONG, one of the wealthiest of the compradorie class in this Colony, died on Saturday evening last. Mr Akwong, who had been employed by the Chartered Merchantile Bank for about twenty years, had been ill for little more than a week with fever; but notwithstanding foreign medical skill, he succumbed to its effects. Shortly before the fatal event, the patient was visited by H. E. the Governor, accompanied by several residents. Deceased, who was a leading member of the native community, was generally regarded as a man of great integrity and shrewd common sense. He took an unusually strong interest in the maintenance and progress of the Government Central School, and was forward in every movement for the good of his countrymen generally. The funeral rites will be delayed until the arrival of the sons of deceased, one of whom has been recalled from Foochow and the other from Shanghai.

The Portuguese Amateurs gave a very successful performance at the Lusitano Theatre on Saturday night last (11th) in aid of the poor of Macao. There was a crowded house, the principal seats both in the Dress Circle and in the Parquette being occupied by ladies—so far accounted for doubtless by the first appearance of the Portuguese ladies on the stage in Hongkong. Among those present were also numerous members of other nationalities. The drama-vauville in two acts, entitled "Arthur, or O Amor Maternal" (Arthur, or The Maternal Love) was the attractive piece selected; and in this the parts of Maria (Mrs Alves) and Lord Melville (Mr Yanovich) were thoroughly well represented. The second piece also created much amusement. At the conclusion of the first piece—a sonata from Lucia de Lammermoor, took the house by surprise, and upon an encore being called she sang another pleasant morceau. This lady sang in a style which would have done honour to a professional company. With the powerful voice which she possesses, and a little more perseverance and culture, she might place herself in the first rank among amateur singers. The whole affair terminated about 1 a.m., amid great applause and the satisfaction of all concerned. This mode of aiding the starving poor is one which appears to meet with general approval, and we are glad to note that the Portuguese ladies have so successfully followed the lead taken in such matters by the other foreign ladies of the community.

We regret to have to record the death of this Right Reverend Bishop Verolles, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, missions in China. He has been labouring in this mission field for more than forty years. The fiftieth anniversary of his ordination falls in this month. He was preparing when death came upon him to celebrate the Jubilee of his priesthood. When Louis Philippe was King of France, and, politically, what a far distant period that is, Monsignor Verolles was then Vicar Apostolic of Manchuria. The King offered him an Archbishopsric if he would remain in France, but the devoted Missionary refused, preferring his dear converts in their poverty and humility, and his lowly church in the desert, to the splendours of a French Archdiocese. Again when he was in Europe in attendance on the Council, his friends, and his Holiness the late Pope, urged him, in consideration of his great age, to remain at home and take the repose he had so well earned. He declined, wishing to die among his spiritual children of Manchuria, and in 1876 he returned to them from his last visit to his native land, bringing with him the first Sisters of Charity who were to bless the Vicariate with their presence. The French mail, that arrived here on Saturday brought us the sad news of His Lordship's death.—*Hongkong Catholic Register.*

HONGKONG HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Humane Society was held to-day at the City Hall. There were present: Messrs P. Ryrie, W. Wilson, J. Emanuel, J. Sampson, Arthur Vale, Mallory, Barff, G. C. Cox, and J. Mackay.

Mr Kyrie was elected Chairman. Mr Barff read the minutes of the last meeting, and Mr Ryrie proposed they be adopted and signed, and then read the report, which was as follows:

REPORT.

Since the last general meeting of the 14th May 1877 the year has happily passed without any typhoon, the only real test of the vitality of the Society.

As stated by our Chairman at the last meeting, the Committee arranged for Head Quarters, and the late Mr Hart agreed to let the ground floor of his house in Duddell Street at the rate of \$15 a month, we spent about \$40 in fitting up shelves, widening the doorway, &c., &c., and a coolie was engaged to keep the things in order.

There have been seven practices with the apparatus; the first three took place at Head Quarters, when the members were instructed in their individual duties by a gunner's mate of H. M. S. *Hart*. The rest were conducted at the Praya, the last being at night.

Business during the year was transacted by several Committee meetings.

Mr Jackson of Manila forwarded us models of Life Boats for approval, but as the funds would not bear the cost of one, and besides it was considered doubtful as to whether a Life Boat would be of much service, the models were returned.

The meeting will have to elect officers for the year.

The number of Members is 27 during the year: 8 resigned, 3 went home, and 7 joined, which reduced the number from 40, as stated at our last meeting, to 37. It is hoped that now the Typhoon season is at hand others may be induced to join.

There is still a balance of £1000 in the hands of the Society.

The Chairman then said he thought it was satisfactory from one point of view that there had been no typhoons here for the last three years, but he thought that Englishmen as a rule always started up on the occasion of a great crisis, and that in the absence of a great catastrophe their efforts flagged.

He said he thought it would be a great pity to let this Society die out without an effort. They had been backed up by the Government, who had supplied the apparatus without cost, and he would propose that further efforts be made to obtain more members, and continue the Society.

He proposed, and Mr Emanuel seconded that the report be adopted; which proposal was carried.

The Chairman then said that the next thing to be done was the election of officers. He hoped that the officers who had spoken of resigning would re-consider their decision, and he would propose that they be re-elected.

Mr Mallory said he should like to know how the Society was to be carried on. With the few members they had at present it was impossible to work the apparatus efficiently, and he thought the best thing to do would be to hand it over to the Government, and most of the present members would no doubt join as volunteers.

Mr Wilson said for his part he would have to resign office, and in fact resign all connection with the society as his business would not allow him time to belong to the society, and he certainly thought that the best thing to do would be to give the apparatus up to the Government.

Mr Arthur said he did not think sufficient efforts had been made to obtain members; he thought more members could be obtained, and that it would not be right to saddle the Government with the apparatus at the present crisis. It would be discreditable to them as a Society to give it up.

Mr Emanuel concurred with Mr Arthur, and some discussion then ensued regarding the possibility of obtaining men from the Regiment. Finally,

Mr Mallory was elected General Superintendent; Mr Emanuel, Foreman of the Central District; Mr Barff, Secretary; and Dr. Adams, Surgeon. It was further decided to constitute 7 a quorum, instead of 10, as hitherto, and Rule 7 was suspended for the current year, so that there will be no subscription required for that time, the Society having enough funds to carry them through two years longer.

The meeting then separated with thanks to Mr Wilson and the Chairman.

(L. and C. Express, April 6th.)

The *Curlew*, 3, double screw gun vessel, Commander W. Mc. F. Castle, has been ordered to return to Devonport from the China Station. This vessel has served two commissions abroad, having been recommissioned at Hongkong in December, 1874.

In consideration of the continuous services of the Rev. Hayward Kidd, Colonial Chaplain at Hongkong, the Colonial Office has granted an extension of four months' leave. He will return to his post next September.

Calao.—Arrived, Feb. 14, *Christina A.*, P., from Hongkong;

A German ironclad squadron will proceed early in May to the Far East.

Out of sixty-three candidates for the six vacancies of student interpreters for China and Japan, we have heard of Mr Tratman and Mr Hansen having passed, also Mr Cooper as cadet for the Straits.

Mr John Robertson, formerly manager of the Oriental Bank at Yokohama, has been appointed manager at Shanghai, and leaves by the next P. & O. mail.

Special attention has of late been paid by the German Imperial Government to the condition of affairs in China. It appears by the latest reports that the Government of the Celestial Empire is doing its best to emancipate China from all European influence, as well as from the obligations originating from its treaties with the European Powers. The opinion prevails that the European Powers will have to act very energetically or they will run the risk of altogether losing the scanty influence possessed by them in China, and acquired with so great trouble and so many sacrifices.

Mr Von Brandt, our Minister at Peking, has received decided instructions to be on the alert and to act as is proper; and it is not unlikely that the German squadron, which was recently sent to the Coast of Nicaragua, instead of returning to Europe from there, will make its way to China.

Mr Andrew Grant, the new member for Leith, who took part in the debate on Indian Finance, has been connected with mercantile life in China and India. He was at Hong Kong and Canton during the troublous times of 1868.

Tea is beginning to take a place almost

side by side with coffee in the "Isle of Spices," and samples of Ceylon-grown leaf

have been received and favourably reported on in London. At the end of last year a "sample" of 100 lb. was exported from Colombo, and the expectation is cherished in the island that this may be the forerunner of a large trade in the article.

The cultivation of the plant is being encouraged by the offer of prizes at the Colonial Agricultural and Horticultural Exhibitions, and experienced planters from Assam have given a very favourable opinion of the capabilities of the soil and climate of parts of Ceylon for the production of a high-class tea.

Hamburg, April 3rd.—Although both arrivals and departures have been numerous during the week, still trade on the river cannot be called satisfactory, as the greatest part of the movements have consisted of European, especially English vessels. Of

arrivals from East India and China there are none to be named, but of departures there is one, *Manda*, for Hongkong (went to sea March 29). The weather of late has been cold and stormy, the temperature in general being several degrees below the average; this, however, is regarded as beneficial to the growing crops, as well as for the orchards, as the rough weather keeps leaves and flowers behind until the heavy night frosts are no longer to be feared. The harvesters expect a late but an abundant harvest.

We understand that Mr William Harwood, formerly of Shanghai, and now of the firm of Messrs Harwood and Stephenson, Solicitors, of London, has been retained in the matter of the Borneo enterprise, projected by Baron Overbeck, and leaves by this mail to carry through the necessary legal arrangements.

Dr. Edward Muller, who has been appointed by the Colonial Office as Archaeological Surveyor of Ceylon, proceeds by the next P. & O. mail. M. Barrion, Naval Surgeon, is about to undertake an exploring journey in Cochinchina, Cambodia &c.

The *Fuso*, Japanese ironclad, in passing

through the Suez Canal, lost one of the blades of her propeller, and badly damaged

the stern, and will seek an anchor.

The members remaining in the hands of

Police Intelligence.
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

May 13, 1878.

Ralph Barnes, marine H.M.S. *Nasau*, was fined \$1 for the above offence. He was found running after people in the street, and assaulting them.

John Wilson, carpenter S.S. *Bertha*, was ordered to pay 20 cents chair-hire. He was found drunk in the chair.

John Barratt, fireman, S.S. State of Alabama, was fined 10 cents.

LARCENY.

Ching Asan, a fireman, was sent to 8 weeks' hard labour for stealing a jacket and a pair of trousers.

Wong Awan, a coolie, was sent to 8 weeks' hard labour for stealing a jacket.

Li April, a rice-pounder, was sent to 10 weeks' hard labour for stealing a pair of scales.

LARCENY BY THE CHIEF OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN BARQUE "CEYLON."

Howard Benton Stephenson, Chief Officer of the American barque *Ceylon*, was charged on remand with stealing sundry articles of clothing and jewellery the property of Captain Pitman of S.S. *Douglas* from his room at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr Wotton, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, said that he admitted that during the time he was on shore he frequented the Hongkong Hotel; he unfortunately habitually drank to excess, and whilst in that state did not know what he did. He recollects that he formed an acquaintance with a man who might know more about the matter, but the man in question, although searched for, could not be found. The defendant pleaded that he was a man with a family at home dependent upon him for support, and he was in a respectable position in life. All he could now do was to ask the mercy of the Court, and that the case be summarily dealt with. Mr May sentenced him to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

GAMBLING.

Un-Am, a coolie, was fined 21 days' hard labour for gambling. He had been several times previously convicted of a similar offence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

Sir,—"Milkeop," who usually used to serve milk, writes indignant about his

injustice to the milk supply of Hongkong, of which I have had two years experience and sometimes use as much as five gallons a day, the supply to me as subjected to the usual tests is much better, than any preserved preparation and superior to that found in many towns in England.

I fancy he didn't go to the right place, where they are accustomed to the influence of a

"LACTOMETER."

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The following is the official statement in regard to the proposed formation of a Rifle Corps, to which we referred in our issue of Saturday:

The object in view in the formation of an Infantry Corps in addition to the Volunteer Artillery Corps is to impart to such of the inhabitants of Hongkong as may desire to offer their services for this branch of military duty, and His Excellency the Governor may approve, the necessary training to enable them to assist in the defence of the Colony in guard and outpost duty.

Volunteers for the Hongkong Rifle Corps, upon being admitted, shall subscribe their names upon the roll of the said Corps, and, on being duly notified by the Commanding Officer, shall take the oaths prescribed in Section VIII of Ordinance 2 of 1852.

Members will be drilled as laid down in the "Field Exercises" and "Rifle Exercises and Musketry Instruction," and they will be expected to rive their object to set again on foot. I have, &c.,

(Signed) CARNARVON.

Governor Hennessy, c.m.g., &c., &c., &c.

Government House,

Hongkong, 13th Sept., 1878.

My Lord,—Soon after I had the honour of receiving your Lordship's Despatch No. 61, of the 5th of July, an enquiry was made as to whether the Government would consent to themselves the right of prohibiting so called free emigration from that Colony to Foreign Countries where there was reason to believe that Chinese Immigrants had not been well treated.

I request, therefore, that you will watch very carefully any attempt to make Hongkong a base of operations under the projected contract, if it reaches maturity, as well as any application for a licence for any vessel which may be laid on for the purpose of carrying out such contract.

It is clear to me that the course which

the Peruvian Government propose to adopt is one open, if indeed it is not absolutely certain to lead, to the gravest abuses, and that with past experience it is desirable to discourage and suppress any attempt on their part to rive the Coolie Traffic, which might be saved, will be sacrificed, for there are four or more French Fathers in the country. A gunboat or two could surely be spared at once, to demand the rendition of the prisoner or prisoners. It does not seem necessary to say more; but—and I am neither a Roman Catholic nor a Frenchman—if it be a matter of expense for coal, &c., &c., I am willing to subscribe five hundred dollars.—N. O. D. News.

I caused a reply to be written to the effect that I was not disposed to encourage the Emigration of Chinese to Peru.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Right Hon. The Earl of Carnarvon,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c., &c., &c.

Downing Street, 12th Nov., 1877.

Sir,—With reference to your Despatch No. 111 of the 13th of September, I have to refer to you the 6th, 7th and 8th paragraphs of my Despatch No. 109 of the 4th of December, 1875, in which I laid down the general principles to be followed by the Government of Hongkong as regards Chinese Emigration.

I caused a reply to be written to the effect that I was not disposed to encourage the Emigration of Chinese to Peru.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) CARNARVON.

Governor Hennessy, c.m.g., &c., &c., &c.

Downing Street, 24th Dec., 1877.

Sir,—On the 12th instant, I received from you the following message:—"Twelfth Mr. Geary, Emigration Agent and Consul for Peru, applies for licence to ship Chinese; shall I grant it?" On the 14th instant I returned the following reply:—"Fourth December, grant no licence for any Emigration to Peru, see my Despatch of fifth July."

I continue to be strongly of opinion that the Government of Hongkong should in no way facilitate an emigration which is liable to the very grave objections noticed in the correspondence of which I Despatch above referred to forms part.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) CARNARVON.

Governor Hennessy, c.m.g., &c., &c., &c.

Downing Street, 27th Dec., 1877.

Sir,—On the 12th instant, I received from you the following message:—"Twelfth Mr. Geary, Emigration Agent and Consul for Peru, applies for licence to ship Chinese; shall I grant it?" On the 14th instant I returned the following reply:—"Fourth December, grant no licence for any Emigration to Peru, see my Despatch of fifth July."

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THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace; possession from 15th April next. Three Offices, in Club Chambers. Apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co. Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached. Houses No. 2, and 5, Seymour Terrace. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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A SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SHAMEEN, in Canton. Possession from 26th May. Apply to AHMEDBHOOY HABIBHOOY. Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

Notices.

STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London, Also, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein. DISCOUNT 20% VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, Jr., is This Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Foochow,
May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.,
China, March 8, 1878.

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